



Celebrating Over 200 Years of History, Tradition and Progress

A Community of Character

WORDS OF THE MONTH

January – Integrity
February – Honesty
March – Perseverance

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Ring of the Bells
January 1, Noon
Public Square

Ladies' Night Out
5 – 8pm
March 15

16th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 17, 11am

City Hall Closed
Mon., January 1
Mon., January 15
Mon., February 19

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

Happy New Year 2018! We extend our thanks to Scott Air Force Base for a wonderful year of celebrating their 100th Birthday in 2017! The City of Belleville is so fortunate to call Scott Air Force Base our neighbor. Scott is truly a military base of extreme importance to the mission of keeping peace and providing freedom throughout the world. On behalf of the city, I extend my sincere appreciation to all of our military veterans and to all the men and women who currently serve our country.

Thank you to all those who volunteered to make our 4th Annual Christkindlmarkt a true success! Special thanks to Clay and Tammy Sutter and their staff of Nobleshire Carriages, Inc. for providing a wonderful holiday tradition for over two decades to our residents and visitors.

We anxiously await the results of the 2017 Art on the Square, juried by Greg Lawler's Art Fair Source Book. Once again, our sincere thanks to Patty Gregory and the Art on the Square Committee for another extraordinary art show this past May. We know it was a very successful event and we anticipate the results in January.

Thank you to all who made the City Hall renovations a success! We have received many compliments from our residents on the improvements that provide for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, asbestos abatement, improved energy efficiencies, safety and security upgrades and enhanced service areas.

Each December, the city must pass our annual real estate tax levy to provide funding for certain items in the coming year. Historically, the only items that the City levies for are: liability insurance, playground and recreation, library services, social security contributions, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) pension contributions, a small portion of health insurance costs, and police and fire pension contributions. In May 2017, Belleville Township was dissolved and the City took over general assistance responsibilities. Therefore, this year the City must levy for these services as well. The amount of tax dollars that the City is requesting for these services is

the same as was levied in the prior year by Belleville Township. Unfortunately, the total City real estate tax levy request for the coming year is increasing by \$1.2 million. While \$264,000 of the increase is for the general assistance services as just mentioned, and will have no effect on the overall taxes since the Belleville Township levy is gone, the reasoning for the almost \$1 million in other increases is due to required police and fire pension contributions. Police and fire

pension plans for all local municipalities in Illinois are governed by State statute. Municipalities are required to contribute to the plans each year, at a minimum to levels determined by State actuaries. If the minimum required contributions to the plans are not made, the State can divert other amounts due to the City, that help pay for essential services such as public safety, to give to the pension plans anyway. When pension plans such as these are not funded properly in any given year, it makes the contributions due in subsequent years exponentially higher, to help lower the unfunded liability. Large unfunded liabilities for our pension plans must be noted on our financial statements, and can hurt the City in many ways financially, including a downgrading on our bond rating.

As we celebrate another new year for Belleville, it is exciting to see all the potential growth in front of our city. 2018 promises to be a busy and positive year for our citizens.

Derelict apartment buildings located at 7009 West Main Street and 8512 West Main Street will soon be demolished to make room for new villas and single family residences.

Plans to start Phase 1 of the next streetscape project on West Main Street from 6th Street to 17th Street will begin this spring. Illinois American Water began replacing water lines on 'A' Street in November. Road improvements to 'A' Street will begin as soon as winter is behind us.

In closing, thank you to our dedicated city staff and countless volunteers who contribute in so many ways to make Belleville a great place to live. I wish all of you a very happy and prosperous 2018.

NEWS FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Mobile Vendor Licenses

The City of Belleville currently permits mobile food vendors and mobile boutique trucks to operate on private property, public property, and outside of the special service area (downtown) according to Ordinance 8068-2017. An annual permit fee of \$100.00 is required, and permits expire annually on April 30th. All mobile vendors participating in special events after May 1, 2018 will also be required to obtain a Mobile Vendor License.

Prospective mobile vendors should first review the application and ordinance located on the City Clerk's website at www.belleville.net/603/Permits-Licenses. All interested parties can contact the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm with questions.

Committee Meeting Location Changes

The Electrical Commission will meet the 4th Monday of every month at 6:00pm at a NEW Location: 407 East Lincoln, Belleville, IL

The Planning Commission will meet the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm at a NEW Location: City Hall, 101 South Illinois Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Belleville, IL

Website Additions

The Clerk's Office updated their website pages by adding information on displaying banners on West Main Street, East Main Street and North Illinois Street, as well as created a page for Event Guidelines and Applications and Permits and Licenses. Check it out at www.belleville.net/321/City-Clerk-FOIA-Information.



**CONTACT
INFORMATION****Switchboard**
233-6810**Cemetery**
257-3330**City Clerk**
233-6518 x1210**Community
Development**
233-6518 x2280**Economic
Development,
Planning & Zoning**
233-6518 x1250**Engineering**
233-6518 x4272**Finance**
233-6518 x1235**Fire**
234-2236 non-emergency**General & Community
Assistance**
212-4379**Health, Housing &
Building**
233-6817**Human Resources**
233-6518 x2280**Information
Technology**
233-6518, x1730**Library Downtown**
234-0441
West Branch
233-4366**Maintenance
of City Buildings**
277-4965**Marketing**
233-6518 x1245**Mayor**
233-6518 x1239**Parks & Recreation**
233-1416
Nichols Community Center
277-9785**Police**
234-1212
non-emergency**Sanitation**
233-6816**Street**
239-3454**Treasurer**
233-6518 x1214**Wastewater or Sewer**
233-7146**RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE****Monday, January 1, 2018 at Noon****Belleville Illinois' Public Square at IL 159 and Main Streets**

Northeast Quadrant near Curt's Clock

Bring your bells...dinner bells, jingle bells, cow bells,
hand bells...any bells that ring**Everyone is welcome | Start a new family tradition****Call (618) 233-6810 or visit belleville.net for details****SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES**

The City's Street Department tries to ensure that streets remain clear of ice and snow. Businesses and residents are asked to do their part as well, and to be aware of factors affecting snow removal.

- Streets marked as Snow Routes need to be kept free of parked cars during inclement weather. When a significant accumulation of snow and ice is forecast, cars should be removed from all public streets so the city's snow and ice removal vehicles can maneuver safely. In places where no other parking is available, residents are asked to park on one side of the street. Snow plows require an open path with a minimum width of 12 feet to maneuver safely and effectively.
- Snow should not be transferred to the roadways from private property. This includes snow from parking lots and residential driveways.
- Designated Snow Routes & Primary Routes will be cleared first. These routes include streets leading to hospitals, fire houses, the court house, and the county jail.
- Streets surrounding and leading to schools must be cleared for safety. If schools are cancelled, or inclement weather falls on weekends or holidays, these streets will be cleared in rotation for that region. Residential streets and subdivisions are cleared using a grid pattern.

**SKATING ON THIN ICE**

Belleville has numerous wonderful gathering places throughout the City with scenic ponds and lakes, including South Side Park, Bellevue Park, and our newest park - Bicentennial Park, which are open for all to enjoy. But, BEWARE! During cold weather, these bodies of water can appear to be frozen when in fact, they are not safe for walking or playing on. All sources clearly state that ice is never 100 percent safe.

Ice strength is based on many factors, like thickness, temperature, and age. Moving water, snow cover, and fish activity reduce ice formation, making it even more dangerous. If you see anyone on the ice, tell them to carefully get back to shore. If they fall in, stay on the bank and call 911 immediately.

While some areas of the country have extended periods of freezing temperatures where lakes can freeze and ice can form that is strong enough to support recreational activities, Belleville is not one of them. **Swimming and ice skating are prohibited on all City owned ponds and lakes. Be safe, and STAY OFF THE ICE!**

TRAFFIC SIGN REQUESTS

Requests to change or add a traffic control sign such as a Stop, Yield, or No Parking sign, must be submitted to the Traffic Committee along with completed petition forms for discussion and review.

Persons requesting a sign are asked to contact their Ward Aldermen to assist with the process. The requestor and/or the Ward Aldermen are encouraged to attend a Traffic Committee meeting or furnish a statement to the committee if they are unable to attend.

To view the Traffic Committee Sign Packet, visit www.belleville.net and type Traffic Committee in the search bar on the home page. For more information, petition forms, or help in getting started, please contact your Ward Aldermen.

CEMETERY DECORATION REMOVAL DEADLINE

In order to perform the annual cemetery maintenance and clean-up procedures at Belleville's Walnut Hill Cemetery, the City requires that all gravesite decorations and flowers be removed by March 1, 2018. Redecorating of gravesites can begin again on March 15, 2018.

14TH ANNUAL DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Spend a special night with your little princess. The Belleville Parks and Recreation Department is hosting their 14th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance. Enjoy a delicious pasta dinner while listening and dancing to music. Each couple will receive one free commemorative photo taken by a professional photographer, a rose, prizes/gifts, a dinner, and an evening to cherish forever. Special Guest - Miss Illinois 2017 -Abby Foster will be attending!

When: Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 5–8:30 PM
Where: Belleville West High School
Price: \$35 per couple/\$15 each additional daughter
Late Fee: \$25 per person (begins 2/27/18)

You must pre-register by calling (618) 233-1416 or (618) 277-9785 or completing and submitting the registration form available on the Parks and Recreation Current Activities page at belleville.net. Online registration is not offered. Don't delay; only 500 reservations are accepted.

2ND CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY OFFERED

The Belleville Police Department will host the 2nd Citizen Police Academy this coming spring. Classes will be held at the new Belleville Police Department located at 720 West Main St. on Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Classes are scheduled to begin April 11, 2018 and will conclude on May 30th, 2018.

The Belleville Citizen Police Academy will give citizens an up-close look at how the department operates, with hands-on experiences that will assist the public in understanding the 'how and why' as it applies to the many functions and duties of the department. Citizens will be provided a realistic view of local law enforcement through instruction, practical exercises, and education on numerous law enforcement topics. Some of these topics and exercises include:

- Agency history and structure
- PD Tour
- D.U.I.
- Patrol Operations
- Investigations
- Major Case Squad
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Use of Force
- Vehicle Searches
- Code Enforcement
- Narcotics Investigations
- SWAT
- 4 Hour Ride-A-Long with a Police Officer

Applications for the Citizen Police Academy will be available at www.belleville.net starting January 1, 2018. Citizens can also contact MSgt. Chris Mattingly at (618) 234-1218, x1732 for more information. The Police Department looks forward to another fruitful and exciting Citizen Police Academy!

STATE OF ILLINOIS PLANS FOR 200TH BIRTHDAY

On December 4, 2017, the State of Illinois officially began a yearlong celebration leading up to their 200th Birthday which will be celebrated on December 3, 2018. Locally, Mayor Eckert, joined by news media, City staff and elected officials, and residents helped to kick-off the celebration with the reading of a proclamation and the raising of the Illinois Bicentennial Flag that is now being flown outside City Hall.

For more information on the State's bicentennial celebration plans, visit illinois200.com.

SAVE THE DATE: AMERICAN LEGION PICNIC

Mark your calendars to celebrate the history and tradition of our American Legion-Hilgard Baseball at the 18th annual event. We will enjoy watching both our Jr. & Sr. Legion teams play on our beautiful Whitey Herzog Field and reminisce with teammates and friends about great memories. We will induct new members into the "Hilgard Hall of Fame" and present several special awards. What better way to enjoy a relaxing summer day than watching baseball, enjoying a picnic lunch and awards presentations, and fundraising for the continued support to the City of Belleville-Whitey Herzog Complex.

Watch for more details in the next issue of this newsletter regarding the June 2018 event at Whitey Herzog Field, 112 Barney Elser Drive. Call 233-1416 for additional information.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

All kids, ages 1 – 7, are invited to our Annual Egg Hunt in Bellevue Park on Saturday, March 24, 2018. This event is open to the public and is co-sponsored by the Turkey Hill Grange. There will be free cookies and punch after the hunt. A "Special" Bunny may also make an appearance for photo opportunities. Mark your calendars and come join us for a great morning of fun with the kids.

Participants must be pre-registered by Monday, March 19, 2018. The event will take place, rain or shine. Please bring your own Easter Basket. Call (618) 277-9785 for more information.

NEW SWING AT BICENTENNIAL PARK

Thanks to the Optimist Club for purchasing a Zero-G Swing Chair for Bicentennial Park. Now children who require additional support can swing next to their friends!



Optimist member Charles Meyhew (right) pictured with Noah Gluck enjoying the new swing along with his family.



CITY NEGOTIATES ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PRICE REDUCTION

The City of Belleville has negotiated a price reduction for residents and small businesses participating in its Electric Aggregation Program. The price participants pay per kilowatt-hour will be reduced to 5.60 cents per kilowatt-hour (¢/kWh) effective with the January 2018 billing period. In June of 2019, the price will be further reduced to 5.496 cents/kWh. The current supplier, Homefield Energy, will receive an extended term to serve the city's program through December 2020. Customers in other regional cities will receive similar discounts.

The reduced rates reflect lower market prices experienced over the past year and Homefield's desire to extend its relationship with the City.

The new price/term will trigger an opt-out process similar to previous enrollments for the program. Eligible residential and small business electric accounts will be receiving opt-out letters over the next few weeks. The packets contain the new prices and terms and conditions. No action is required from residents wishing to participate. Customers may opt-out by returning a prepaid card or calling a toll-free number. Accounts which opt-out will be returned to Ameren's electric supply rate, currently at 6.17 cents/kilowatt-hour.

It's important to note a key feature of the region's Electric Aggregation Program: participants do not need to sign a contract. No salesperson will call or visit. Further, the electric aggregation program includes 100% green energy via renewable energy credits (RECs) in support of the region's sustainability initiative.

Residents with additional questions may call Homefield Energy at 866-694-1262.

2018 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

City of Belleville offices will be closed on the following dates during 2018 to observe the legal holidays.

Date	Legal Holiday
Monday, January 1st	New Year's Day - Observed
Monday, January 15th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 19th	Presidents Day
Friday, March 30th	Good Friday
Monday, May 28th	Memorial Day
Wednesday, July 4th	Independence Day
Monday, September 3rd	Labor Day
Monday, November 12th	Veterans Day-Observed
Thursday, November 22nd	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 23rd	Day-After Thanksgiving
Monday, December 24th	Christmas Eve - Observed - Closed at Noon
Tuesday, December 25th	Christmas Day
Monday, December 31st	New Year's Eve - Observed - Closed at Noon

REGISTER TO PAY AND VIEW YOUR SEWER AND TRASH BILLS ONLINE OR PAY BY PHONE

PAY ON THE GO...ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

• Online • Tablet • Smart Phone

PAY ONLINE

Go to www.belleville.net/payments

1. Click on the "Make a Payment" link
2. Register at Payment Service Network (PSN) website and make your payment.

PAY ON MOBILE

Download "PSN Payments" from App Store® or Google Play™

NOTE: Register online before using the app

CALL TO PAY

1-877-885-7968 (have your bill handy to provide your account number)

VIEW BILLS ONLINE (Free Service)

Go to www.belleville.net/payments

1. Click on the "Make a Payment" link
2. Register at the PSN website
3. Receive an email each time your bill is ready

Convenience Fees: \$1.00 for checks; 2.75 (+50¢ if under \$100) for credit cards

EASY, FAST AND SECURE

- **View** amount due online or on your mobile device
- **Pay** immediately, schedule a payment or set up Auto-Pay
- **Opt Out** of receiving paper bills
- **Print** receipts, view payment history and more



We accept



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GENERAL AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE OFFICE (GCA)

The City of Belleville's office of General and Community Assistance (GCA) has relocated to 512 West Main Street. Office hours are Mondays-Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The GCA offers three types of assistance: transitional, community, and emergency. Belleville residents making less than \$245 per month who are seeking work or waiting to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability (SSD or SSDI) and who receive no state or federal assistance other than SNAP may qualify for transitional assistance. An application, background check, and intake interview assist with determining eligibility for the program. Community assistance grants are limited and may be provided to grant applicants who serve Belleville's poor or elderly. The community grant application is available by request. As part of its emergency assistance, the office provides support to the emergency shelter program which provides motel vouchers to the homeless when extreme weather requires the heating/cooling sites to open. Other emergency assistance, such as providing a bus pass, is limited and provided only when proof of need is documented (such as for a doctor appointment). Additionally, referrals to area service providers and assistance with job searches are provided to community members.

For more information or to set an appointment, call 618-212-4379.

HEATING SITES OFFER SHELTER FROM THE COLD

COOLING/HEATING SITE

OPEN TODAY

For More Information Contact:
2-1-1
United Way

Local Heating Sites will open their doors for individuals to seek shelter from excessive cold conditions during the hours shown below. Excessive cold indicators are: wind chill expected to be -15 degrees or less, or the stagnant air temperature is 15 degrees or less.

The following Heating Sites will operate in Belleville in the event that an Excessive Cold Advisory or Warning is issued by the National Weather Service.

Location	Address	Phone	Hours
Belleville Public Library, Main Branch	21 E. Washington St.	(618) 234-0441	Mon-Thurs, 9am-8pm Fri & Sat, 9am-5pm
Belleville Public Library, West Branch	3414 W. Main St.	(618) 233-4366	Mon, Wed & Sat, 9am-5pm Tues & Thurs, Noon - 8pm
Programs and Services for Older Persons (PSOP)	201 N. Church St.	(618) 234-4410	Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm
Trinity United Church of Christ	47 N. Douglas Ave.	(618) 233-2941	Sun-Sat, 10am-8pm
The Salvation Army	20 Glory Place	(618) 235-7378	Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Parks & Recreation Department will accept "live" Christmas trees through January 31, 2018 at the following locations:

- Laderman Park – 1105 Mascoutah Avenue, Belleville, Illinois
- Bellevue Park – 401 Bellevue Park Drive, Belleville, Illinois
- North End Park – 1204 North Douglas, Belleville, Illinois

Please: RECYCLABLE TREES ONLY

No bags, ornaments, lights, yard waste, or landscaping materials.

WHY RECYCLE?

The benefits of recycling include reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills, conserving natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals, preventing pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials, saving energy, supporting American manufacturing, and helping job creation in the recycling industries in the United States.

The City of Belleville provides recycling to all residents as part of the normal residential waste service. We accept plastics (no styrofoam, no plastic bags or utensils), glass (jars/bottles only), paper, cardboard, paperboard, aluminum, tin, and newspapers. Please put your materials in a container labeled as 'Recycling'.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

If you are planning a Neighborhood Watch meeting and would like City representation from the Police, Fire, or Health & Housing Department, please contact Peggy in the City's Human Resources Department/ Belleville Neighborhood Partnership Program at peggyh@belleville.net or 233-6518, x2280



YARD WASTE SCHEDULE

Yard waste will be picked up the second full week of January and February. Weekly pick-up of yard waste will resume during the first full week of March and will continue through the second full week of December, weather permitting.

TRASH CANS

Trash cans up to 45 gallons in capacity must have handles and lids and weigh no more than 60 pounds when filled.

TRASH SCHEDULE

The Sanitation Department does not operate on the following holidays:
New Years Day
M.L. King Day
Presidents Day
Memorial Day
4th of July
Labor Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

SANITATION DEPARTMENT HOURS

Winter Schedule

October - April, 7 AM - 3:30 PM

Summer Schedule

May - September, 6 AM - 2:30 PM

IF YOUR PICK-UP DAY FALLS ON OR AFTER A HOLIDAY, YOUR PICK-UP FOR THAT WEEK WILL BE DELAYED BY ONE (1) DAY.

The City offers a large item pick up for a minimum fee of \$45. To arrange for a pick up, call the Sanitation Department at 233-6816.

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES WWW.BELLEVILLE.NET OR VISIT US ON FACEBOOK

Special Events:

Daddy Daughter Dance - March 3
Easter EGG-stravaganza Egg Hunt - FREE (ages 1-7) - March 24
NEW: Mother & Son Bowling Date - April 7
Fishing Derby - FREE, May 5
American Legion -Belleville Hilgard PICNIC - Summer TBD
Tour de Belleville Info Available - Ride is July 13

Registration for Spring/Summer Baseball/ Slow-Pitch Softball Leagues:

Men's & Co-Rec Summer Softball (Citizens Park)
Girl's ASA Softball (8u-18u) (Laderman/South Side Park)
Youth Baseball (age 5 through 12th grade)

Registration for Spring/Summer Tennis Lessons at Lindenwood:

Classes will be held during 2017/18 school year & taught by a USPTR professional
Tiny Tykes Tennis: Ages 3-5
Little Hitters Tennis: Grades 1st-3rd
Jr. Development Tennis: 4th-8th grade

Program Registration:

Early Childhood/Youth:
Karate Class (PreK & K, 1st-4th grade)
Little Dribblers (ages 4-6)
Little Hitters Tennis (ages 4-7)
Little Kickers Soccer (ages 3-5) (outdoor)
Little Sluggers T-Ball (ages 3-5) (outdoor)
Basketball Skills Camp (2nd-6th grade)
Kids in Action (ages 3-5)
Girls' Basketball (5th & 6th grade)
Sports Night (ages 6-13)
Drawing Class (ages 8 and up)
Nerf Nights (ages 5-13)
Elite FT Soccer Camp - Register now for June & July camps
Camp Quackers (K-6th grade) - Brochures available in March
Kiddie Camp (ages 3-5) Brochures available in March
Co-Rec Boys & Girls Volleyball (5th & 6th grade) (March - April)
Co-Ed 3 on 3 Basketball League (1st - 8th grade) (Jan-March)

Adults/Senior:

Zumba (ages 14 & up)
Senior Chair Aerobics (ages 55 & up)
Senior Line Dancing (ages 55 & up)
Free Senior Pickle Ball (ages 55 & up)
Free Senior Badminton (ages 55 & up)

Nichols Community Center Programs:

We have highlighted a few of our new programs.
For more information or to register, please call (618) 277-9785.

Little Dribblers (ages 4-6) Jan-April

This is a non-competitive approach to teaching safe, basic basketball fundamentals. The program includes 40 minutes of teaching skills followed by a 20 minute game to use their skills. T-Shirt included!

Little Hitters (Indoor) Tennis (ages 4-7)

Beginner basic lessons for children ages 4-7, taught by US Tennis Association's professionals on Saturdays, 4-week sessions at the Nichols Community Center. ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED using lighter racquets, larger low-bounce tennis balls and smaller court dimensions. Cost: \$50 per participant/session (Minimum and Maximum required)
Session 1: Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3 at 9-9:45 am
Session 2: Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 at 10-10:45 am

Nerf Nights (ages 5 to 13)

All Participants must provide Nerf Guns and Ammo for the Nichols Center Nerf Competition nights. (BPRD provides Safety glasses) Pizza and drinks provided. Limited spots available. Come check out our newest inflatable bunker-THE TANK!! Pre-registration is required.

Sports Nights (ages 6 to 13)

Held once a month at the NCC and there will be a variety of games that include (basketball, wiffle ball, floor hockey, volleyball, and dodgeball). Playing hard can work up an appetite, so we'll have pizza and soda for you too!

NEW! Co-Ed 3 on 3 Basketball League (grades 1st - 8th)

The BPRD and Southern Illinois Storm have partnered up to offer a 3 on 3 basketball league held at the Nichols Community Center. Each team will play 8 games and receive team shirts. Practices on Thurs, games played on Sundays. Evaluation day is January 7th, give us a call at 277-9785!

Alphabet Academy (ages 3-5)

Alphabet Academy provides a socially rich environment that caters to the needs of children. We strive to promote independence and developmentally appropriate skills that will help to enhance the future of young, growing minds. We focus on the individual needs of your child and create the opportunity to cultivate their learning, enhance character, instill social skills, form friendships, and discover new interests. Come check out our NEW PLAYGROUND!!

Requirements: Children must be 3 or 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2017. All children must be toilet trained. The Alphabet Academy offers Military discounts.

Age: 3 year olds
Dates: September 5, 2017 to May 24, 2018
Day: Tuesday(s) and Thursday(s)
Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm
Cost: \$40.00 Registration Fee
\$100.00 Monthly Fee

Age: 4 year olds
Dates: September 6, 2017 to May 25, 2018
Day: Monday(s), Wednesday(s) and Friday(s)
Time: 9:15am to 12:30pm
Cost: \$40.00 Registration Fee
\$120.00 Monthly Fee

Call (618) 277-9785 to schedule an appointment to view the Nichols Community Center and meet the friendly staff. Send inquiries to alphabetacademy@hotmail.com for more information.

FACILITY RENTAL

Nichols Community Center & City Parks

Meeting/Classrooms COST: \$25/\$30 hour

These rooms can be used for classrooms, birthday parties, conferences, church meetings, baby showers, etc.

Gymnasium COST: \$40/hour

Rent out the entire gym to fit your needs. Includes a basketball court, volleyball net, and all the basics of any indoor activity!

Instructional Room COST: \$40/hour

Lead a class or activity in this spacious double room. Perfect for most activities from adult aerobics to toddler exercise. This room is also utilized for birthdays, baby showers, and family reunions or meetings.

Pavilion Rental

COST: \$50 with electric or \$40 without electric

Rent a pavilion at your favorite park for any special occasion. Great sites for Birthday Parties, Graduation Parties, Showers, or Family Reunions.

Soccer Fields

COST: \$45/hour with lights or \$20/hour without lights

Baseball Fields

COST: \$45/hour with lights or \$20/hour without lights

Stone Lodge

COST: \$125 (6am - 10pm) & \$50 extra on Premium Dates (401 Bellevue Park Drive, Belleville, IL 62226)

The Stone Lodge is the perfect place for Family Reunions, Receptions, Showers, Meetings or Parties. The facility can accommodate 60 people and has a covered pavilion on each side with additional seating.

Approximately 60 chairs, 8 tables, refrigerator, stove, and restrooms are provided.

This facility is unavailable to rent during the Summer months when Camp Quackers is in session and certain Holidays.

Birthday Party Packages

The Nichols Community Center is excited to offer the coolest Birthday Party Packages around! It's great fun and

a safe way to provide entertainment for kids of all ages. Let us help you take some stress away with planning. Call today to check availability and for more information!

Nerf Package: \$125.00

Includes: Game Coordinator • 2 Hours Rental - Gym & Party Room • 20 Kids Max

Dodgeball Package: \$115.00

Includes: Game Coordinator • 2 Hours Rental - Gym & Party Room • 20 Kids Max

Sports Package: \$105.00

Includes: Access to utilize basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs & net • 2 Hours Rental - Gym & Party Room • 20 Kids Max

BASEBALL IN BELLEVILLE

The Belleville Parks & Recreation Department baseball leagues will be taking registrations January through May for T-Ball, Robat (Pitching Machine), Optimist, Jaycee Jr. Travel, and Jaycee High School Travel Leagues. Visit www.belleville.net for downloadable registration form or call to register with debit/credit card or call 233-1416 our Main Office for information. Register your entire team, individual player or to be a volunteer Coach (Background checks required).

Early Bird Registration Discount (January):

T-Ball, Robat and Optimist: \$75/Jaycee Leagues: \$90

Regular Registration Fee (February & March):

T-Ball, Robat and Optimist: \$85/Jaycee Leagues: \$100

Late Registration Fee (April & May):

T-Ball, Robat and Optimist: \$95/Jaycee Leagues: \$110

League birth dates:

T-Ball League: September 1, 2010 - December 31, 2012

Robat League: September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2010

Optimist League: September 1, 2006 - August 31, 2008

Jr. Jaycee Travel League: September 1, 2003 - August 31, 2006

Jaycee Travel League: High School Freshman - Senior (year 2017-2018)

SPRING CO-REC 5TH & 6TH GRADE GIRLS AND BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Get an early start on learning the basics and fundamentals of volleyball. Players will be on teams grouped as closely as possible by schools. Teams will play six games plus playoffs. Registration is Limited to the first 60 participants. We will need volunteer coaches for this league! Parents are encouraged to coach their child's team. Coaches will be reimbursed 50% of registration fee at the end of the season! Cost is \$65 per player. Season played March thru April at Franklin School.

NEW: MOTHER/SON BOWLING DATE

ATTENTION ALL MOMS!! We are excited to offer this NEW special event. Every mom deserves a special night out with their little man! The Arbor Room will be catering pizza, pasta, and salad for dinner. Each couple will get to bowl two games with shoes included. Every child will receive game tokens to be used at Bel-Air Bowl and a goody bag to take home. Registration is a first come, first serve basis prior to Deadline Date: March 29th. Limited space available. MUST PRE-REGISTER! NO online registration available.

Ages: Males 13 years and under
Date: Saturday, April 7
Time: 5:00pm - 8:30pm
Cost: \$35 per couple (\$15.00 each additional child)
Site: Bel Air Bowl, 200 S. Belt West, Belleville

LINC FUN AND LEARNING CLUB

The Belleville Parks and Recreation Department and LINC (Living Independently Now Center) have teamed up to offer two programs for individuals with disabilities. Book Club will be on Tuesdays and Music Club on Fridays. Please call Lyndsey for more information about this exciting new program.

Ages: 21+
Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Date: Year Round
Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Cost: \$40.00 per session for each individual club
Site: Nichols Community Center

**To sign up for programs and activities, or to reserve facilities, visit belleville.net, or call (618) 233-1416
Mon-Fri from 8am-4:30pm or (618) 277-9785 Mon-Fri from 8am - 8:30pm and Sat-Sun from 9am-1pm**

FRIENDS OF THE BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Trivia Night
Sat., February 10, 2018

Proceeds support the Children's Summer Reading Program

MC: Roger Schlueter

Place: Althoff H.S. Heritage Hall
 West Main & Frank Scott Parkway

Time: 7:00 pm, Doors open at 6:30 pm

Cost: \$12/person
 Maximum of 8 per table

Additional Details:
 Soda for Sale,
 No Alcohol for Sale
 Mulligans \$10/10

Reservations:
 618-234-7169 or
 mgmurf@yahoo.com
 Leave name and phone
 number for confirmation



SHRINER PARADE & 5K

Save the Date

Friday, June 1, 2018
 Ainad Shriners Belleville 5k
 6:30pm
www.facebook.com/shrinerparade5k



Ainad Shriners of Southern Illinois
Belleville Parade – 7:30pm
www.ainadshriners.org/events.html

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

SAVE THE DATE:
53rd Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Wed., February 7, 2018
7:30 – 9:00 AM

Scottish Rite
 1549 Frank Scott Parkway West,
 Belleville, IL

For additional details, contact
 Erika Eckert at **(618) 233-5877**
 or EEckert@kaskaskiaeng.com



GUSTAVE KOERNER HOUSE



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TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, February 17, 2018
7 PM, Doors open at 6:30PM
St. Luke Hall, 300 N. Church St., Belleville
 Beer for Sale, 50/50 Drawing, Quilt Raffle Drawing
For reservations or more information,
call (618) 235-6471

NEW BUSINESSES

September

Call to Worship Ministries

15 N. 47th St.

Almighty Graphix

4721 W. Main St.

Athletico Management

195 Carlyle Ave., Ste. D

Burger King

5979 Belleville Crossing

October

Old Title & Escrow

120 W. Main St., Ste. 120

Phoenix Comfort Systems

525 S. 17th St.

Lutz Agency

2100 S. Illinois St.

Advantage Business Resources

9 N. 47th St.

Family Dollar

1609 W. Main St.

Outpatient Therapy of The Apartment

Community of Our Lady of the Snows

726 Community Dr.

A & A Beauty Supply

13 Bellevue Park Plaza, Ste. 13

Archimages, Inc.

660 W. Main St., Ste. 1Q

Genetidyne

915 S. Charles

Cannon Utility Services

1320 East State Rt. 15

Gateway Storage Mall

17 Royal Heights Ctr.

Sandifer Purchase

7707 W. Main St., Ste. 4

November

Jewel Box Salon & School

9601 W. Main St.

Sprint

5791 Belleville Crossing

Carmel Brown

6400 W. Main St., Ste. 3F

Prestige Realty Group

2001 N. 17th St.

Posh Paws

1600 Lebanon Ave., Ste. 109

Call to Worship Ministries (expansion)

17 N. 47th St.

Collectors Corner

125 E. Main St.

David & Dollies Resale Shop

(relocation)

1405 W. Main St.

Christ for All Nations Church

1406 W. Main St.

Mystic Vapes

1915 Carlyle Ave., Ste. C



COMING SOON
 RT. 15 ACROSS FROM NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

Elected Officials

Effective May 1, 2017

MAYOR

Mark W. Eckert
233-6518 x1239 (office)

TREASURER

Dean Hardt
233-6518 x1214 (office)

CITY CLERK

Jennifer Gain Meyer
233-6518 x1227 (office)

WARD 1

Ken Kinsella
234-0825
Joe Hazel
954-9105

WARD 2

Mike Buettner
444-4692
Jane Pusa
795-0833

WARD 3

Kent Randle
239-9227
Scott Tyler
531-3287

WARD 4

Johnnie Anthony
825-0660
Raffi Ovian
444-5171

WARD 5

Ed Dintelman
277-9454
Michelle 'Shelly' Schaefer
660-6295

WARD 6

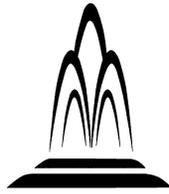
Andy Gaa
978-9690
Dr. Mary G. Stiehl
641-9668

WARD 7

Phil Elmore
363-0016
Dennis C. Weygandt
580-3054

WARD 8

Roger Wigginton
581-0429
Roger Barfield
791-3368



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